



General Assembly

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Proposed Bill No. 119

LCO No. 652

Referred to Committee on Higher Education and Employment
Advancement

Introduced by:
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***AN ACT CONCERNING EARLY CHILDHOOD CREDENTIALING FOR
SCHOOL READINESS PROGRAMS.***

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General
Assembly convened:

1 That subsection (b) of section 10-16p of the general statutes be
2 amended to require that on and after July 1, 2015, at least fifty per cent
3 of the individuals with the primary responsibility for a group of
4 children in a school readiness program hold certification with an
5 endorsement in early childhood education or hold a bachelor's degree;
6 that subsection (e) of section 10-16p of the general statutes be amended
7 to permit the Commissioner of Education to use certain unexpended
8 funds for the purpose of assisting school readiness programs in
9 satisfying the staff qualifications requirement that personnel hold an
10 associate's or bachelor's degree by using such funds to cover the cost of
11 the necessary higher education courses, provided any person
12 benefiting from such financial assistance be employed in a position
13 related to early childhood education for at least three years after
14 receipt of such financial assistance; and that chapter 164 of the general
15 statutes be amended to require the Department of Higher Education,
16 in consultation with the Departments of Education and Social Services,

17 the Office of Workforce Competitiveness and representatives from
18 public and private institutions of higher education in the state, school
19 readiness programs and any other appropriate organization, shall
20 develop a plan for meeting the staff qualifications requirement in
21 subsection (b) of section 10-16p of the general statutes.

Statement of Purpose:

To amend the staff qualifications for school readiness programs, to provide financial assistance to school readiness programs to meet the staff qualifications requirements, and to require the Department of Higher Education to develop a plan to help assist school readiness programs in meeting the staff qualifications requirements.